
Welcome Our July Guest Preachers:

Join us by radio, livestream, or in-person as we continue our “Summer of Guest Preachers”!



July 4th - Barbara Chalfant

Barbara is currently the Associate for Mission for the Presbytery of West Virginia. Her responsibilities include ministry to older adults, peacemaking, social justice, hunger action and disaster response. She is a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary, a certified educator and holds a certificate in older adult ministry from Columbia Seminary. She is a curriculum writer, artist, singer, and is prone to bouts of laughter.



July 11th - Sallie Daugherty

Sallie is a native of West Virginia with deep Presbyterian roots in Pocahontas County. Sallie grew up in Charleston and has been a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston where she is an Elder and is currently serving as Clerk of Session, choir member and children’s Sunday school teacher. The Presbytery of West Virginia approved Sallie as an authorized lay preacher at its November 19, 2020 meeting. She is the daughter of Jarve Currence and the late George A. Daugherty and is married to Byron Goodew. Sallie and Byron make their home in South Charleston, West Virginia.



July 18th - Maureen Wright

Maureen is the Stated Clerk and Associate for Congregational Support. The Stated Clerk focuses on records, annual record reviews, stated and called meetings of Presbytery, parliamentary procedure, judicial process, policies, Presbytery Trustees, and the Book of Order. The Associate for Congregational Support helps congregations to be effective in ministry and mission, especially assisting small churches to inspire hope, generate vision, and discover new models for ministry. She supports the work of the Committee on Ministry.

July 25th - Rev. Malcolm Brownlee

Malcolm Brownlee holds degrees from Washington and Lee University, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Yale Divinity School, and Columbia Theological Seminary. From 1973 till 1984 he taught Christian ethics at two theological seminaries in



Indonesia. In 2004 till 2006 he was Interim Quadrant Pastor in the part of West Virginia Presbytery that includes Lewisburg. In retirement he lives in Rockbridge Baths, Virginia with his wife Sarah Hale. He spends a lot of time gardening, preaches occasionally, is a consultant in strategic planning for churches, and serves on the boards of his local United Way and his local community development organization.

News from the Interim PNC:

The search for an interim pastor has begun and the Committee wanted to provide an update and an inside view of the process to the congregation.

The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) consists of 5 members who were selected by the Session. The members are Andy Kelso, Tracy Morgan, Jim Coleman, Sharon Rowe and me. David Lee, our Presbytery Committee on Ministry liaison and Session Moderator, is working with the Committee and we have also met with the General Presbyter, Ed Thompson.

We began the process two months ago by completing a Ministry Information Form. This form includes information about Old Stone and its programs. Fortunately, this process moved along very quickly and received approval from both the Session and the Committee on Ministry. It was then posted on the Church Leadership Connection website, a national exchange through the Presbyterian Church USA that matches potential candidates with churches, based on the qualifications both are seeking.

We have now begun reviewing the initial batch of potential applicants and will be meeting weekly to keep the process moving as quickly as possible. I believe I can speak for all the committee members when I say we very much want to expedite the process but be thoughtful in recruiting the best possible candidate to lead us as we search for an installed pastor.

Please know that because of the confidential nature of this search we are not able to give too many specifics, but if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or anyone on the Committee.

Doug Bicksler, Interim PNC Chair

A Note from Moderator Dave Lee:

Grace and peace!

My name is the Rev. David (Dave) Lee, and I am the presbytery-appointed moderator to the Session of Old Stone Presbyterian Church until such time as an interim is called and in place. It is my role to support and encourage your Session as they lead you through this time of transition. I have been working with them for a few weeks now, and I will say that I am very confident that you are in good hands! These Elders are deeply committed to the health and future of Old Stone, and I hope that you will support them with your prayers, encouragement and your active participation in the life and work of the church and its committees. That commitment is the key to the healthiest and most faithful future of Old Stone - so, thank you in advance!

I am also the liaison from the presbytery's Committee on Ministry to the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee and to the congregational mission study. Thank you again for all of you who have been part of the mission study conversations - and anyone who was unable to join us for those, please

feel strongly encouraged to reply by email or mail to let us know what you think, feel and hope. Again, your participation is vital to the healthiest and most faithful future of the church.

By way of personal introduction, I presently serve as the pastor of the Marlinton Presbyterian Church; my wife Holly and I live in Elkins, where she is a medical provider in a dermatology practice. Yes, that means that I spend a good bit of time traveling, but I remain available by phone (304.553.4969) and by email (heyoka241@msn.com). I look forward to meeting many of you as we seek to follow the Spirit of God into the new life that God has in mind for Old Stone.

Pastor Dave, Moderator

A Note from the Church Treasurer:

While reviewing the Church balance sheet, I notice that pledges are getting behind. I am not surprised at the rate of pledge payment giving the effect that the Covid-19 epidemic has had on our attendance at church. Here is something to ponder when considering your pledge.

“Every person wants to know that his life matters, that he has invested himself in something that will make a difference. Jesus understood that need. That is why he urged every person to invest his life in the kingdom of God. How can you know if you are doing that? Jesus gave a foolproof test. Pull out your checkbook and look where you spend your money.

The Lord didn't pull any punches when he said that we spend our money on what is important to us. As your eye moves down the ledger of your checkbook, what do you see? If you really want your life to matter, then invest in God's kingdom. Give to your local church and to other ministries that spread God's Word and expand his kingdom.

Make it a personal goal to review your checkbook every month to see where you're investing your resources. And make up your mind today that every month you'll see evidence that you're investing in something that is eternal – something that will give your life meaning.” (Men's Study Bible (Zondervan Publishing House 1997 p.1055)

Jim Coleman, Elder & Treasurer

Presbyterian Women – 2021 - 2022 Bible Study:

What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus
(By Merryl Blair)

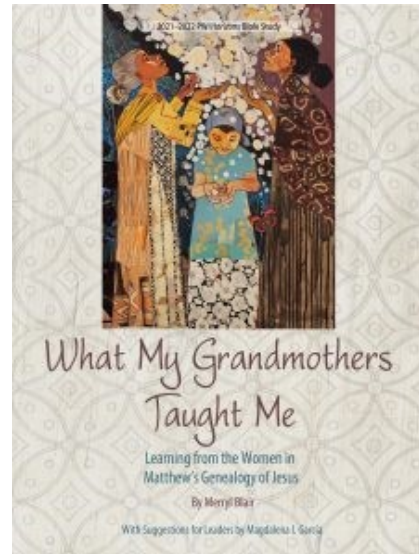
YOU are invited to participate in the 2021–2022 Presbyterian Women / Horizons Bible study, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus".

Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary—Matthew names these women for a reason. How might Jesus have heard the stories of his grandmothers? What might the young Jesus have felt as he heard about his family? What might the stories of these women have added to his sense of identity, as part of a particular family in a particular time and place?

Have you thought about Jesus' grandmothers? What can these Grandmothers-of-the-Faith teach us? Their stories will lead us into the gospel, the good news about Jesus Christ. By exploring these stories together, we will have a richer idea of what the good news is.

Merryl Blair teaches at Stirling Theological School in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, and is active in the worldwide ministry of women of faith.

To participate in the monthly study (Sept. – May) you have the following options: 2nd Wednesdays at 1pm or 7pm (in person or via Zoom*), independently, or start a new study group.



***If you want to join by Zoom, please let us know before the meeting. Contact Marcia Leitch 304-466-0982.**

June Birthdays

06/02 Tim Holbrook
06/02 Emma McClelland
06/05 Kaye Rodgers
06/07 Gordon Campbell
06/07 Rebecca Kucera
06/07 Laura Montgomery
06/08 Henry Hileman
06/08 Frank Milam
06/10 Staci Banton
06/17 David Hofmann
06/17 Megan Hofmann
06/17 Katy Montgomery
06/18 Sara Graham
06/18 Lawson Hamilton
06/19 Caroline Bachman La Boissiere
06/21 Anna Pinckney Straight
06/27 Christy Rodgers

July Birthdays

07/01 Ryan Meadows
07/01 Coriann Nemicik
07/02 Todd Williams
07/06 Pat Bashen
07/06 Susan Harkness
07/06 Molly Hileman
07/06 Mark Smith
07/08 John Lehman
07/10 Yvette Yarid
07/11 John Marshall
07/13 Pat Boisvert
07/15 Stuart Brown
07/16 Tom Greenstreet
07/16 Zach Hileman
07/18 Butch Neal
07/19 Lou Ella Lewis
07/22 Joan Montgomery
07/22 Sharon White
07/22 Dena Williams
07/23 Frank White
07/26 Jim Coleman
07/26 Joanne Jolliffe
07/26 Jo Wisebrod
07/31 Betsy Hudgins



Just a reminder:

You will NEVER get an email or text from the church or your pastor asking you to purchase gift cards because we are busy or in a meeting.

If you receive one of these messages, it will come from an email other than @oldstonechurchwv.com or a phone number not in use by a church staff member. Simply report it to the church and delete. Do not respond. We are so sorry for the inconvenience these fraudulent activities (that have been happening for years to churches everywhere-not just here) continue to cause!

Calendar Reminder:

Would you like to write an article for an upcoming newsletter, but aren't sure when it needs to be submitted to the office secretary? Or would you like to include an announcement or flower dedication in an upcoming bulletin, but aren't sure when the deadline is to submit bulletin information?

To view Old Stone's calendar of events and stay up-to-date with church deadlines, please visit <https://oldstonechurchwv.com/calendar>.

References:

Mens Study Bible: New international version . (1997). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.

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2021 Church Picnic at Merry Hill:

Please return your RSVP to the church office or call the secretary to make reservations over the phone (304-645-2676).

RSVP's can be dropped off in the secure mailbox on the front porch of the Education Building or can be mailed to 644 Church Street (Lewisburg, WV 24901).

For those of you attending worship on Sunday, you can simply leave your RSVP in the offering plate or in the basket in the Narthex.

The pool will be open and the choir will sing! We hope you can attend!



OLD STONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

***INVITES YOU TO A PICNIC
AT MERRY HILL***

**IN HONOR OF LAWSON AND JEANNE HAMILTON AND TO
RESTART OUR CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, THE 2021 OLD STONE
PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT MERRY HILL ON JULY 11, 2021
FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

**PLEASE SIGN AND PLACE IN THE OFFERING PLATE
OR IN THE BOX IN THE NARTHEX.**

PLEASE RSVP BELOW
(Place in offering plate/basket in the Narthex)

Name: _____

Number of Adults: ___ Number of Children (under 12): ___

